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Sir Michael Wilshaw
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

Dear Mr Thomas

Inspection of Medina College

I am writing following your recent section 5 inspection. Although your college was judged to require improvement overall, I note that the leadership and management of the college were judged to be good.

You have acted quickly and decisively to deal with the many issues that the college faced when it opened in 2011. I recognise that schools on the island have found the transition from 13–18 to 11–18 education difficult and I note from the report the disappointing lack of support from the local authority during this difficult time.

I was pleased to read about the improvements at the college, in particular the quality of teaching, and in students' attendance and achievement. The effective training and support that you are providing are clearly having a significant impact on teachers' work.

I would like to offer you my support and encouragement as you do all you can to ensure that children in your college get the good education they deserve.

As you know, the next full inspection of the college will take place within two years. I recognise that your leadership of the college will be critical in ensuring that the momentum of improvement is maintained.

I have asked Matthew Coffey HMI, Regional Director, South East, and his Senior HMI, to be available should you wish to discuss your progress. You can contact them through Matthew Coffey HMI's Executive Assistant, Khrishma Mandalia, at:
khrishma.mandalia@ofsted.gov.uk.

I wish you every success in the very important job that you do.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael Wilshaw". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sir Michael Wilshaw